

ABSTRACT

5 A pharmaceutical composition having an inhibitory
effect on the overproduction and the accumulation of
extracellular matrix, said composition comprising as an
active ingredient a compound that inhibits the biological
activity of galectin-3, which pharmaceutical composition
can serve as a therapeutic or preventive agent for
glomerular nephritis, diabetic nephropathy or tissue
10 fibrosis, as well as the use of said compound for the
production of pharmaceuticals for the above-mentioned
use, and a method for inhibition of the overproduction
and accumulation of the extracellular matrix.